

What is claimed is:

1. An image correction apparatus which corrects an image based on preference of a user, comprising:
 - 5 a user preference obtaining unit outputting images at two or more correction levels as corrected images for (a given image), and allowing a user to select a preferred corrected image; and
 - 10 a image correction unit correcting an image to be corrected which is different from (the given image) based on a selection result from the user.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said given images are a plurality of images,
 - 15 and said user preference obtaining unit outputs images at two or more correction levels corresponding to the plurality of given images to allow the user to select preferred corrected images.
- 20 3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of given images are different in type, and said user preference obtaining unit allows the user to selects preferred corrected image corresponding to each type.

4. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said given image is stored in advance in an
image correction unit as an image of quality
generally preferred by a large number of users.

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5. The apparatus according to claim 1, further
comprising

a user specified image input unit receiving a
user specified image as the given image.

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6. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
said user preference obtaining unit requests a
user to input a user identifier for identification
of the user, and allows each user to select a
preferred corrected image.

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7. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
said user preference obtaining unit prints and
outputs images at two or more correction level; and
said apparatus further comprises a image
printing unit printing and outputting an image to
be corrected which has actually been corrected by
said image correction unit.

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8. An image correction apparatus which corrects

an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

a user corrected image obtaining unit outputting a predetermined image, and allowing a user to correct the output image; and

5 an image correction unit correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the predetermined image based on an correction result of the user.

10 9. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said predetermined images are a plurality of images, and said user corrected image obtaining unit allows a user to correct each of the plurality of output images.

15 10. The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said plurality of predetermined images are images of different types, and said user corrected image obtaining unit allows a user to correct each of the images of the different types.

20 11. The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising
a user specified image input unit receiving a
25 user specified image as the predetermined image.

12. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein
an image of quality generally preferred by a
large number of users is stored in said image
correction apparatus.

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13. The apparatus according to claim 8, wherein
said user corrected image obtaining unit
requests a user to input an identifier for
10 identification of the user, and allows each user to
correct an output image.

14. The apparatus according to claim 8, further
comprising

15 a user corrected image printing unit
performing a trial printing process at an
instruction of a user on an correction result
obtained from the predetermined output image.

20 15. An image correcting method for correcting an
image based on preference of a user, comprising:
outputting images at two or more correction
levels as corrected images for a given image, and
allowing a user to select a preferred corrected
25 image; and

correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the given image based on a selection result from the user.

5 16. An image correcting method for correcting an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

 outputting a predetermined image, and allowing a user to correct the output image; and

10 correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the predetermined image based on an correction result of the user.

15 17. A computer-readable storage medium storing a program used to direct a computer to perform the steps of:

 outputting a predetermined image, and allowing a user to correct the output image; and

20 correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the predetermined image based on an correction result of the user.

18. An image correction apparatus which corrects an image based on preference of a user, comprising:

25 user preference obtaining means for outputting images at two or more correction levels as

corrected images for a given image, and allowing a user to select a preferred corrected image; and

image correction means for correcting an image to be corrected which is different from the given image based on a selection result from the user.